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H.C.R. No. 84

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Throughout the Obama administration, the federal
2 government waged a campaign of overregulation that caused
3 significant harm to the oil and gas industry in the Lone Star State;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Despite protests from Texas and other oil- and
6 gas-producing states, the U.S. government has implemented a litany
7 of massive federal regulations, resulting in an unnavigable network
8 of rules and guidelines that has produced greater economic hardship
9 but insignificant environmental benefits; such policies have led
10 the State of Texas to join with many other oil- and gas-producing
11 states in filing more than 20 lawsuits against federal overreach;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, A flourishing oil and gas industry in Texas is vital
14 to our nation's energy independence from foreign and hostile energy
15 cartels; it is paramount that the federal government transcend
16 partisan politics and stop misusing regulatory power and instead
17 work with Texas to create better energy policies that will
18 strengthen our economy, provide more good-paying jobs, and enhance
19 our national security; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 hereby urge Congress and the executive branch of the federal
22 government to identify key federal regulations currently under the
23 authority of the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S.
24 Department of the Interior, the U.S. Department of Energy, or other

1 federal agencies, to determine whether they should be preserved,
2 revised, delegated to state agencies, or eliminated; and, be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the Texas Legislature encourage Congress and
5 the executive branch of the federal government to work in
6 conjunction with Texas on delegating the authority of federal
7 energy regulations to the state's regulatory agencies, in an effort
8 to mitigate the overregulation of the oil and gas industry in the
9 Lone Star State; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
11 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
12 the speaker of the House of Representatives and to the president of
13 the Senate of the United States Congress, and to all members of the
14 Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution
15 be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to
16 the Congress of the United States of America.